

Sri B. S. SHANKARAPPA.—Is it not a fact the shortage of cement is felt more in rural parts than in cities like Bangalore or Mysore?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—That is not correct. What happens is that as between the Government quota and the private quota, Government gets its requirements first and to that extent the public will have to suffer, whether it be in the rural or city area.

Sri B. S. SHANKARAPPA.—Cement scarcity is felt more in the rural parts than in cities. What action is Government taking to remedy the situation?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—If that is so, then stockists will have to distribute according to the suggestions of Government and satisfy the consumers.

Mr. CHAIRMAN.—Q. No. 370.—Member absent.

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—In view of the importance of the question I request the Chair to allow me to put the question.

Mr. CHAIRMAN.—Has he the authority of the Member concerned?

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—No, Sir, but the Speaker can under the rules of procedure put the question to the House if he is convinced that it is of sufficient importance.

(**Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU.**—*Then entered the House.*)

Sri V. P. DEENAYALU NAIDU.—Sir, I put question No. 370.

FORMATION OF A CORPORATION TO RUN THE KOLAR GOLD FIELDS MINES.

• Q.—370. **Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU** (Cubbonpet).

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have decided to form a Corporation to run the Kolar Gold Fields Mines;

(b) if so, under what terms and conditions will such a Corporation function?

A.—**Sri B. D. JATTI** (Chief Minister).

(a) The decision taken previously to form a Corporation to run the Kolar Gold Mines is kept in a obeyance pendings settlement of the question of the transfer of the Gold Mining Industry in the State to the Central Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU.—May I know what are the insurmountable difficulties faced by Government in the matter of expediting the formation of a corporation in respect of the K.G.F.

† Sri B. D. JATTI.—There is no difficult as such in the formation of a Corporation. The Government of Mysore is in correspondence with the Government of India as to whether the Mines should be made into a Corporation or whether the undertaking should be handed over to the Government of India.

Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU.—Very recently we heard that the Government is giving a go-by for the creation of the Corporation and intend handing it over to the Centre. Is that correct?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—I already said that the matter is under correspondence. We are thinking whether we should hand over the concern to the Government of India or whether the K. G. F. should be converted into a Corporation.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—How is it that the Government has not taken the Legislature into confidence in regard to the handing over of the K. G. F. undertakings to the Government of India. Is it not a major question of policy?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—It is not a major question of policy. We were considering the question of industries and the Government is competent to correspond with the Central Government.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—At the time of nationalisation of the K.G.F. undertakings was decided upon, did not this Hon'ble House have the benefit of expressing its views? Why is it that the Government wants to take a decision behind the back of the Legislature?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—It is not being done behind the back of the Legislature. We are doing it in the presence of the Members of the Assembly.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—If that is the case, may I know on what day or at what meeting of the Legislature, the House gave its concurrence to this extreme step being taken by Government?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—It has not been discussed and decided upon in the Legislature. If that be necessary, Government would consider it.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—May I know what made the Government to decide to hand over this industry to the Centre?

Mr. CHAIRMAN.—There is no decision. There is a proposal.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—The decision in 1959 was to form a Corporation. What made the Government to revise this decision and to think of handing over the industry to the Government of India?

Mr. CHAIRMAN.—The reply to that has been given already.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—There is correspondence on the subject of handing the undertakings over to the Centre. May I know at whose instance the proposal to hand the undertakings to the Centre was mooted? Did the Government of India ask the State Government to hand over the industry to it or did the Government of Mysore volunteer to hand it over to the Centre?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—The Government of Mysore and the Government of India are considering the matter together. The matter is under correspondence.

Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU.—Are we to understand, whether the undertaking is converted into a Corporation or is handed over to the Centre, that nationalisation of the mines has failed?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—There is no question of failure of nationalisation. We will have to take into consideration the cost of gold and then we will have to decide whether we should form a Corporation or hand it over to the Government of India.

Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU.—May I know if Government has made any attempt to intensify its efforts to see that nationalisation succeeds?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—The question of nationalisation is not under correspondence. The question is : what is the total quantity of gold that we produce and what is the total amount which we are going to spend for producing the gold. On this point the Government of Mysore is in correspondence with Government of India.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—May I know if the proposal for handing over the industry to the Government of India has arisen because of the controversy regarding the price of gold?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—That is one of the points for consideration.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—What are the other points. Sir, I want the protection of the Chair because Hon'ble Chief Minister has tried to evade answering the supplementary of my friend Sri Arumugham when he asked at whose initiative the correspondence for handing over the under taking to the Centre was started. He simply said that it is being done jointly. I want the Chair to direct the Chief Minister to give a specific answer as to who initiated the proposal for handing over the industry to the Centre. We know that matter is under correspondence. There is no fun in repeating that answer.

Sri B. D. JATTI.—Every month or every quarter, we will have to correspond with the Government of India regarding the money that we are getting, regarding price etc. This correspondence goes on either way.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—Is it not a fact that the Central Government is paying the Government of Mysore a price more than that fixed by the World Bank.

Sri B. D. JATTI.—There is a difference in the prices ; between the official price and the market price.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Is the Government satisfied that the Mines are making profits at the present moment?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—We have kept before the Assembly the annual report.

Mr. CHAIRMAN.—Moreover the supplementary question does not arise out of the main question.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—May I know on whose initiative the correspondence on the question of handing over the mines to the Centre was started. I want to know from whom the proposal came. What are the considerations that necessiated the initiative on this correspondence.

Sri B. D. JATTI.—I have already replied. We have to correspond with the Government of India on the question of price periodicaly.

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—May I know when the Government of Mysore started correspondence with the Central Government regarding the transfer of K.G.F. to the Central Government?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—I am not aware of the exact date. Since two years, roughly.

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—When have you decided to form a Corporation?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—about an year back.

Sri G. DUGGAPPA.—Government have decided to form a corporation. The matter was pending....

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Sri G. DUGGAPPA.—Sir, the decision to form a corporation is kept in abeyance; pending implementation of that decision, the Government is running that undertaking. Is it on account of the experience of the Government of running the concern these two years that the Government is corresponding with the Central Government for handing over to them?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—Whether by forming a corporation and running on behalf of that corporation is going to be beneficial or whether handing it over to the Government is going to be beneficial is a matter to be considered. That is why the Government of Mysore is corresponding with the Government of India.

Sri G. DUGGAPPA.—What is the opinion of this Government born of their own experience of running this industry?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—I have already replied to Mr. Mallaradhya Sir. The Annual Reports are there and the Hon'ble Member can go through them.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—May I bring it to the attention of the Government that handing it over to the Government of India is settled because in this year's budget, the Central Government subvention which you were normally getting for running this industry, is not shown?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—That is not correct Sir. That may be the opinion of the Hon'ble Member. The Planning Commission has informed us that they would give money for running the industry this year also.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—I want to know what are the other reasons compelling this State Government to hand over this undertaking to the Government of India?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—By running the Kolar Gold Mining Undertakings either departmentally or on behalf of the Corporation, if it is going to be the beneficial, that is also one of the reasons in addition to that.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Is the Hon'ble Chief Minister aware that in the Central Budget the usual subvention in regard to the difference in the price of gold does not find a place and therefore it raises an apprehension that the Government of India have already taken a decision that it would be handed over?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—As far as I know, we have got the intimation only some two days back that they are going to provide money for this year also.

OPENING OF GOVERNMENT HIGH SCHOOL AT CHOWLHIRIYUR IN KADUR TALUK.

*Q.—378. Sri D. H. RUDRAPPA (Birur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have received any representation from the people of Kadur Taluk, requesting them to open a Government High School at Chowlhiriyur;

(b) if so, whether they intend to open the school at the said place;

(c) whether the people have fulfilled the required conditions for starting the High School by Government;

(d) if so, the reasons for the delay in opening the same?

A.—Sri ANNARAO GANAMUKHI (Minister for Education).—

(a) Yes.

(b) No, as it is the policy of Government to encourage private enterprise in the field of Secondary Education.

(c) & (d) The villagers have collected Rs. 33,000 and promise to provide 25 acres of land. However that does not automatically make Government liable to open a High School.

Sri D. H. RUDRAPPA.—May I know when this policy was given effect to?